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Alleged Gang Member Charged with Compton Carjacking

A 36-year-old Compton man was charged today with carjacking and shooting at a man two weeks ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deonte Lee Murray (dob 6/2/84) faces one felony count each of carjacking, second-degree robbery and assault with a semiautomatic firearm-personal use of a firearm.

Assistant Head Deputy Robert Grace of the Hardcore Gang Division said case TA152697 includes allegations of association with a criminal street gang, discharging a rifle inflicting great bodily injury and personal use of an AR-15.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges and is scheduled to return for prelim setting on October 28 in Department D of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch.

On September 1, Murray allegedly confronted a victim in the 600 block of Bradfield Avenue and shot at him, injuring his leg, and then stole the victim's vehicle, the prosecutor said. The defendant was found and arrested on September 15.

Bail is set at \$1.24 million. If convicted as charged, Murray faces a possible maximum sentence of 25 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Brian Kang is the assigned prosecutor.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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